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SUBJECT: JAPANESE ATTEMPTING TO FACILITATE ROK VISIT BY PM
BANDARANAIKE'S SON

REF: (A) SEOUL 2414, (B) 75 COLOMBO 937

1. ACCORDING TO MOFA SW ASIA DIVISION CHIEF, CHAE DONG-CHIN, JAPANESE EMBASSY COLOMBO IS ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE MEETING BETWEEN PM'S SON, ANURA BANDARANAIKE, AND VISITING ROK MOFA DELEGATION (REF A). CHAE SAID JAPANESE AMBASSADOR IS TRYING TO ARRANGE A DINNER TO WHICH ROK DEL AND ANURA WOULD BE INVITED AND WILL SEAT ROK ASSISTANT MOFA MINISTER KIM CHUNG-TAE NEXT TO ANURA. IDEA WAS BROACHED TO MOFA BY JAPANESE EMBASSY IN SEOUL. OBJECTIVE IS TO GET ANURA TO VISIT SOUTH KOREA ON ASSUMPTION THAT HE WILL BE SUITABLY IMPRESSED BY CONTRAST WITH NORTH KOREA, WHICH HE VISITED IN MARCH 1975. ACCORDING TO JAPANESE EMBOFF WHO APPROACHED US SEPARATELY ON THIS SUBJECT, JAPANESE REASON THAT ANURA HAS SUBSTANTIAL INFLUENCE IN GOVERNMENT POLICY AND THAT FAVORABLE IMPRESSION ON HIM WILL PAY IMPORTANT DIVIDENDS IN EFFORT TO INFLUENCE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT ON KOREAN QUESTION. THUS FAR JAPANESE EMBASSY IN COLOMBO HAS BEEN HAVING TROUBLE FINDING CONVENIENT TIME TO
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HOLD DINNER. ANURA IS REPORTEDLY OUT OF TOWN AND WILL NOT BE

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BACK UNTIL AFTER APRIL 25. ROK DEL WILL POSTPONE SCHEDULED
APRIL 24 COLOMBO DEPARTURE IF JAPANESE CAN GET ANURA TO ACCEPT
INVITATION, ACCORDING TO MOFA.

2. ON THE FACE OF IT THIS LOOKS LIKE A GOOD IDEA FROM OUR
VANTAGE POINT. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENT FROM ADDRESSEES
PARTICULARLY IF ANY HOOKERS PERCEIVED.
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